

Official Amendment

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Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

-- This application is related to commonly assigned U.S. patent application Serial Nos.: ~~___/___,___ (Attorney Docket No. UVD-0280-PA)~~ 10/038,274, NON-TOXIC CORROSION-PROTECTION CONVERSION COATS BASED ON COBALT, filed January 4, 2002 by Sturgill et al. and ~~___/___,___ (Attorney Docket No. UVD-0299-PA)~~ 10/038,150, NON-TOXIC CORROSION-PROTECTION RINSES AND SEALS BASED ON COBALT, filed January 4, 2002 by Sturgill et al., the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. --.

Please replace the paragraph on p. 9, lines 12-17 with the following replacement paragraph:

- - 6) The cobalt/valence stabilizer complex can optionally exhibit a color change between oxidation states, for example, between the trivalent and divalent cobalt oxidation states. This color change can act as a metric to determine when the “throwing power” associated with the pigments is no longer available, and when the paint system in which it is contained needs to be replaced. For this reason, it is also optionally important that the color of these pigments that exhibit a color change between divalent and trivalent oxidation states that is light-fast (i.e. not changed by strong light). - -